

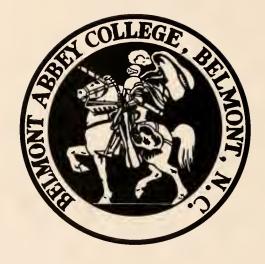






# THE 1956 SPIRE

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### Dedication ..



1956, recognize that we owe an immense debt of gratitude to many individuals. Throughout all the days of our future, our way of life, we trust, will partly repay those whose confidence and encouragement have led us to the goal of graduation.

To one very special group, however, we desire to render more prompt acknowledgement. Today, when the sense of our personal achievement is undeniable, we want to assert



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### Foreword

We believe the purpose of any college annual to be a record of activities and events. This should be a memory book. We know that the finished product is a student creation. And, last but not least, this annual is an instrument for promoting good public relations between Belmont Abbey College and the community it serves.

The home, the church, and the school are the bastions of our republic. Truly, Belmont Abbey College in its seventy eight year has provided the foundation on which our countryhas been built and does now stand. Proceeding with caution and care, our Alma Mater has grown along with the "Crescat" tree which is symbolized on the great seal of the institution. The Abbey realizes that full maturity is still to be attained. Yet, proudly in this year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty six, she presents to the world, her first blossom-the first full four year college graduating class!

It is to these graduates that she cries aloud "Crescat". May they, like those who preceded them, rise to be the great leaders of the nation today. May they foster and nurture their Alma Mater to greater glories in the years ahead. And, may they always follow the motto under which their four years sojourn here was ever eminent- "that in all things God may be glorified."

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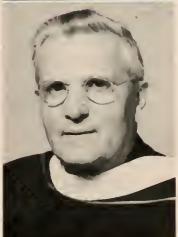
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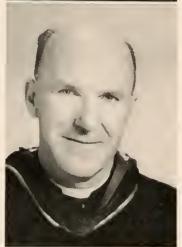
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We point with pride to the first graduating class of our four-year college. They have done well under the guidance of these capable leaders.

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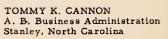
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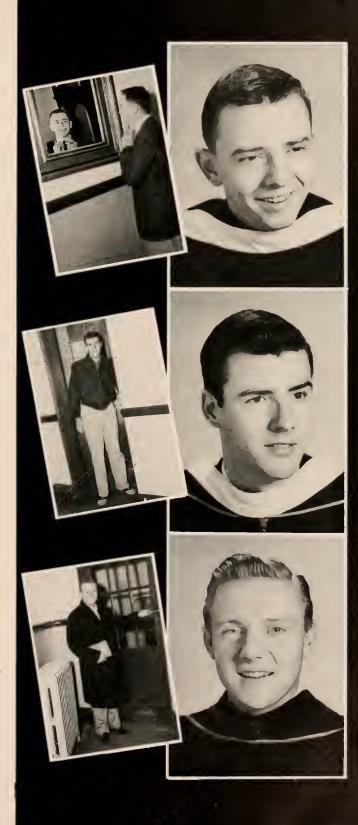
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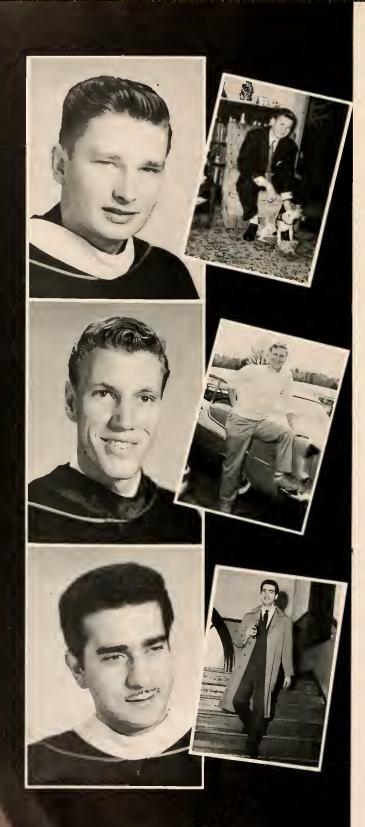
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JUNIORS SOPHOMORES FRESHMEN

#### **JUNIORS**

Under the forceful cabinet, headed by Ed Chavarria, the juniors have proved that they will adequately fill the vacancy left by the graduating seniors.



ED CHAVARRIA President

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JOHN HANNA President

These gentlemen pioneered in off the campus dances this year; Thereby opening new vistas to future Belmont Abbey socials.

> Mr. Stry Moderator



Left to right: Eugene Manion, Student Council Representative; Joseph Ruiz, Vice President; John Hanna, President; William Harper, Treasurer; and Vernon Wilson, Secretary.

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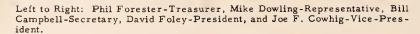
As we point with pride to the seniors, we point with confidence to the Freshmen. The fine job that this class did during their first year was wonderful. They have shown that no sacrifice is too great for Belmont Abbey. The Abbey is assured of success at least for three more years.



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RADIO WORKSHOP
MONOGRAM CLUB
VETERAN'S CLUB
DRAMATICS
JAZZ CLUB
FAITH'S FORUM
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY









BILL BOOKMAN is a Business Administration Major from St. Albans, Long Island, N.Y., who in a short period of two years has become one of the pillars of Belmont Abbey. While maintaining a Dean's List average, Boormanhas been a member of both the CONTACT and SPIRE staffs, a member of Radio Workshop, Glee Club, and Abbey Players, vice-president of the Service Club, and is now Secretary of his Senior Class.

CHARLES HILLON of Charlotte, is another Dean List member. Hillen has been one of the most active of Charlotte's day students, even though much of his time is occupied by local television station WBTV, where he is employed as Continuity Writer. Charlie's major in Business Administration.

The achievements of the third Abbeyman selected are known to all. The name of JOHN CARRE LL (JC) JOHNSON is a near-institution on the campus. In his period of study here at the Abbey, Mr. Johnson has been a participant in all. The gentleman from Rock Hill is at present more than a passive associate in the Service Club, Abbey Players, Student Council, Veteran's Club, and Spire Staff. His latest literary effort, "The Aquarium" further coments his name in the Abbey Archives.

### WHO'S WHO IN

ALAN R. JONES, the second native of North Carolina accepted, needs no eloquent introduction. The improvement in the newspaper, CONTACT, during his stern, yet not tyrannic reign, serves that purpose. Completing his crown, Jones has been a leader in the Veteran's Club, Radie Workshop, and Student Council, while maintaining a Dean's List standing.

The ther student publication, THE SPIRE has also gifted to WHO'S WHO its deserving Editor, bill MakTEK of Harrisburgh, Pa. Marter, another Dean's List member, is the strong hand behind the vastly improving annual. Failing to limit himself to only one field, Marter has been active in the Abbey Players, Student Council, (vice-president), Radio Workshop, and Contact.







Seven Belmont Abbey College seniors who have been accepted for recognition in the 1955-1956 Edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, are: WILLIAM ROGER BOORMAN, CHARLES TED HILLON, JOHN CARROLL JOHNSON, ALAN RICHARD JONES, WILLIAM JOSEPH MARTER, HERBERT JAMES SCISM and EDMOND LUIS ZACCOUR.

### AMERICAN COLLEGES

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HERBERT SCISM, day hop from Gastonia, is the sixth selected. Herb, who spends more time at school than most boarders, is President of this year's graduating class. Among his other activities are: Service Club, Veteran's Club, Student Council, and CONTACT staff.

Reunding out this outstanding group of seven gentlemen is Edmond Luis Zaccour from Columbia, South America. Zaccour, an officer of this year's Senior Class, has long been active in campus affairs since his arrival here in late 1953.





### STUDENT GOVERNMENT



TONY MULLER President

The Student Government was formed to conduct student activities in order to breed iniative and leadership in the students. The general aim of this vital organization is to cultivate and develop the powers of self-government and to instill into the students a sense of their responsibility to themselves, to God and to their country.

When Belmont Abbey became a four-year college, it was discovered that the old constituition was highly inadequate. The task of drawing a completely new constituition fell upon the shoulders of this year's legislators. With this constantly before them, they still found the time for numerous and diverse improvements around the campus.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEMBERS

Seated: Herb Scism, Tom O'Connor, Tony Sievers, John Hanna, Alan Jones, Mike Dowling, Eugene Manion, J.C. Johnson, Bucky Yacobi. Standing: David Foley, Bill Marter, Tony Muller, and Ed Chavarria.



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David Foley
Treasurer
Ed Chavarria

Bill Marter



Seated: Tony Muller. Standing: David Foley, Ed Chavarria, and Bill Marter.

Left to right: Eugene Manion, Bill Marter, Ed Chavarria, Tony Muller and J. G. Johnson.



National Student
Assembly:
Tony Muller and
Ed Chavarria
State Student
Legislature:
Bill Marter and
Eugene Manion
National Federation
of Catholic College
Students: J.C. Johnson



OFFICERS
Left to Right: Jim Melvin, Leon Allen, Bob Curran, Bill Boorman, Gerry Dollard, Tony Sievers, and John Hanna.

The Service Club is an organization for the development of order and assistance in all college events at allhome designated activities. Its object is to promote good will and understanding between visitors and the College, and to afford an opportunity to the student members for self-improvement, experience, and preparation for successful achievement in future life.



Gerry Dollard President



First Row: Bill Boorman, Bill Marter, Bob Curran, Jim Daffron, Mr. Gorney, Mike Dowling, Mike Kane, Pete Marchetti, Second Row: Leon Allen, Vernon Wilson, Malcolm McGowan, John Muzenrider, Gordon Broome, Fred Louis, Dick Kovecs, Tony Muller, Dick Johnson, John Louis. Third Row: Tony Sievers, John Hanna, Van Gnann, Bob Cooper, Pat McDonnell, Frank Trombino, Joe Herrity, Jerry Earnshaw, Bobby Kastleberg, Fourth Row: J.C. Johnson, Gordon Dawes, Bill Hatchett, Gerry Dollard, Mike Bishop, Jim Cox, Herb Scism, Geroge Oliff, Mike Sullivan. Fifth Row: Bob Lazorik, Jim Melvin, Ed Zaccour, Tom Shea, Jack Santos, Jack Kirby, Sam Hagley, and Austin Simpson.



### CONTACT



Bob Curran

The object of a College newspaper is to connect the activities of the school and the students to the parents and the alumni. CONTACT performs this task both nominally and actively. Every issue of CONTACT is sent home to parents in order that they too might take an active interest in the school and campus life.

Under the able direction of Editor-in-Chief, Bob Curran, CONTACT has had its best year. The Editor and his staff have worked unceasingly to raise the paper to its present standard.

### CONTACT STAFF



Kneeling: Michael Loveless, Jeb Ladouceur, John Muzenrider. First Row: Joe Herrity, Bill Hatchett, David Foley, Fred Louis, Charles Richardson, Shaun Fesler, Mike Sullivan, Bill Boorman, Ed Quigley. Second Row: Tom O'Connor, Bill Marter, Bob Fritch, Jack Kirby, Bill Campbell, Mike. Dowling, J. C. Johnson, Tony Sievers, and Herb Scism.

### CONTACT

### EDITORS-IN-CHIEF

The OLD and the NEW;
Alan Jones turns over CONTACT
to Bob Curran-new Editor.



### STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Joe Coyle, Student Photographer.



Bill Marter, Editor-in-Chief, gives Mr. David J. Gorney, Faculty Moderator, the details of this year's SPIRE.

## THE SPIRE

The record of the days that are no more, the familiar faces, the old haunts that were somuch an intimate part of life at Belmont Abbey College, are forever preserved for the later years. In a sense THE SPIRE is a personal diary of the four years considered by most to be the best.

In after years, when the feelings of nostalgia well over in the soul, this book will supply the food--majestic memory.



Seated: Charles Richardson, Mr. Gorney, Bill Marter. Standing: Eugene Manion, Pat McDonnell, Joe Coyle, Bill Hatchett, Mike Sullivan, Tony Sievers, Bill Boorman, J.C. Johnson, Mike Bowling, Bob Cooper, and Frank Trombino.

# STAFF



EUGENE MANION Editor



PAT McDONNELL Business Manager



THOMAS LLOYD Associate Editor



Standing: Pat McDonnell, Eugene Manion, Charles Richardson, and Mike Dowling.

### **RADIO**



MR. GILBERT J. FARLEY
Director

The Belmont Abbey College Radio Workshop produces four regular programs each week during the school year over Radio Stations WBT and WSOC, Charlotte; WCGC, Belmont; and WGNC, Gastonia. Direct lines from the campus studios carry a number of these programs directly to the radio transmitters of the above named stations.

Regular programs produced by the Workshop include VARSITY REVIEW, THE COLLEGIANS KNOW THE ANSWER, and THE STUDENTS MEET THE EDITOR.

The radio Workshop, under the direction of Mr. Gelbert J. Farley, primarily is a noncredit training program for all college students who are interested in announcing, directing, producing, engineering, and dramatics in the field of radio broadcasting.



The staff of Belmont Abbey College's most popular radio program, VARSITY REVIEW, are shown, left to right; Marc Brewer-musical technician, Bob Liguori-chief engineer, Anthony Muller-producer, Jeb Ladouceur-master of ceremonies, and John Barret-director.

VARSITY REVIEW



### MONOGRAM CLUB



Left to Right: Tommy Cannon, Frank O'Brien, Jim Mead, Joe Perez, and Bob Lazorik.

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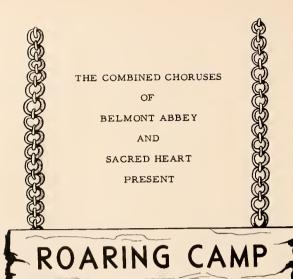


Seated: Flav Smith, Howard Schrum. Standing: Terrell Harris, Ray Carson, Tom O'Connor.

First Row: Charles Barker, Bill Kerr, Jim Vellers, Jim Voris, Dick Avilia, Charles Beckwith, Al Franklin, Jeb Ladouceur, Louis Seaman, J.C. Johnson. Second Row: Berk Altman, Melvin Tucker, Ken Hoover, Tom O'Connor, Phil Forster, Michael Loveless, John Salem, Flav Smith, Dick Bain, Frank Vita, Foy Gunningham. Third Row: Ed Lampke, Fred Jones, Paul Cunningham, Jake Farmer, Gordon Dawes, Bucky Yacobi, Bill Hedrick, Dewey Murphy, Charles Bridges.



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### THE CAST

Left to Right: Fred Horman, Bob Curran, Bill Boorman, Dick Kovacs, Lou Porzio, Marianne Diab, Jim Dafferon, Mike Bishop, Phil Forster, and John Munzenrider.

### SCENES FROM "ROARING CAMP"



### THE ABBEY PLAYERS

Under the direction of Father John Otegen, a new and distinct drama groupe entered Belmont Abbey Campus. As the nucleus of this group we have; Mike Dawling, Jeb Ladouceur, Thomas Lloyd, Mike Bishop, and Fred Merguer and from Sacred Heart College, Kathy Wyatt, Richie Schneider, and Jude Mergner.

Their first production is the play, "Othello" by Shakespeare which is to be presented on May 10.



Father John Oetgen Director

### OTHELLO REHEARSALS



Left to Right: Ralph Turner, Dave Foley, John Muzenrider, Joe Pecoraino, Marc Brewer, Mike Bishop, Pudgy Lloyd, and Rickie Schneider.

Dramatis Personae

Othello Mike Dowling Iago J.E.B. Ladouceur Desdemona Jude Mergner Emilia Kathy Wyatt Bianca Jean Boome Cassio Thomas Lloyd Montano Joe Pecoraino Roderigo Ralph Turner

### MU ALPHA SIGMA



Standing: Mike Dowling, President. Seated: Pee Wee Huggins, Secretary-Treasurer and Charles Richardson, Vice-President. One of the most progressive and certainly the fastest growing organization started on the Belmont Abbey Campus this year. The Mu Alpha Sigma or affectionally known as the Jazz Club was started under the auspicie of Father Anthony and several jazz enthusiasts.

### JAZZ CLUB



Seated: Pee Wee Huggins, Mike Dowling, and Charles Richardson. Standing: Tom O'Connor, Tom Shea, Bob Shea, Vernon Wilson.

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### FAITH'S FORUM



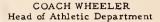
Father Bertrand, moderator. First Row: Louie Seaman and Mike Bishop. Second Row: Jim Parra, Marc Brewer, Jim Ledwitch, Bob Cooper and Frank Trombino. Third Row: Dave Foley, Phil Forster and Jim Voris.

# Sports

BASKETBALL BASEBALL GOLF RIFLE



### **SPORTS**





FATHER RAPHAEL Assistant

The Crusaders faced some stiff competition this year. Speed was their chief asset and speed is what they had. With only two men touching the 6'6" mark, the team concentrated on the fast-break technique. This insured adequate protection against most of their opponents.

Highlights of the season were the three games scheduled in Charlotte's newly-completed Coliseum. On December 9, the Abbey battled a three-year-old rival, Erskine. On January 4, the Abbey played host to the University of Richmond and then on February 3, confronted Presbyterian College.

GENERAL McCLELLAN



Photo by Charlotte Observer



# CHEERLEADERS

Left to Right: Lynn Morrison, Kathy Strother, Frances Pounds, Kathy Wyatt, Barbara Burke, Jeanne Rhyne, and Irma Rebscher. Agnes Rossie, Head Cheerleader.

### SCHEDULE

### Home

Nov.	30	Catawba			Pikeville
Dec.	7	Camp Lejuene			East Carolina
Dec.	12	Newberry	Feb.	18	West Carolina
Dec.	31	Elon	Feb.	20	McCrary Eagles
Jan.	2	Lenoir-Rhyne			Charlotte Coliseum
Jan.	10	Georgia Teachers	Dec.	9	Erskine
		Parris Island Marines	Jan.	4	U. of Richmond
		Pfeiffer	Feb.	3	Presbyterian

### Away

Dec.	1	Elon	Jan.	12	Newberry
Dec.	3	Lenoir-Rhyne	Jan.	16	Elon
		Presbyterian	Jan.	20	Parris Island Marines
		Erskine	Jan.	21	Georgia Teachers
		Stonehill	Feb.	1	Pfeiffer
		Merrimack	Feb.	25	McCrary Eagles
		East Carolina			, 8

### BASKETBALL

With most of the seasoned players back again this year and with several new imports, General McClellan, coach of the Crusaders, enjoyed one of his most successful seasons. The Crusaders are a well-balanced team, displaying equal agility and ease in both offensive and defensive tactics. They have men who possess a goodeye for the basket from any spot on the court. Their opponents may have the advantage in height, but the Crusaders overcame this difficulty by playing fast, sure ball with extreme dexterity.



First Row: John Rossie, Mgr. Jerry Connors, Dave Goheen, Chick Kelton and Ace Broschardt, Mgr. Second Row: Al Taglieri, Tex O'Leary, Bob Grayson, Moe Theberge, Joe Perez, Frank O'Brien and Roger Marcil. Third Row: "The Gen! Dick Wrenn, Luke Lenahan, Jim York, Jim Mead, Jack Kirby; and "Humpy" Wheeler.

### THE 1955-1956 BELMONT ABBEY



"Rog"

"Moe"



From left to right: Chic Kelton, Dave Goheen, Roger Marcel, Al Taglieri, Bob O'Leary, Jerry Connors, Frank O'Brien,



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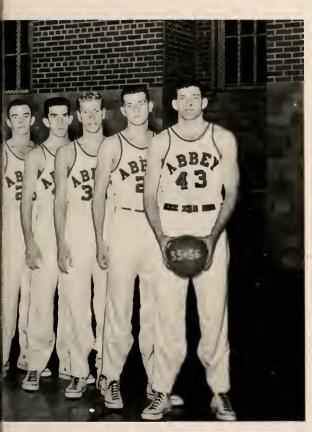
"Opie"



"Joe"



# COLLEGE "CRUSADERS" BASKETBALL TEAM



Joe Perez, Bob Grayson, Luke Lenahan, Dick Wrenn, Maurice Theberge, Jim Meade, and Jim York.









#### CRUSADERS' SPRING SPORT

#### BASEBALL SCHEDULE

March 20 - Lenoir-Rhyne

21 - Presbyterian College

9 - Lenoir-Rhyne

12 - Presbyterian College 14 - Davidson College

17 - River Bend

21 - Newberry College 26 - River Bend

28 - Pfeiffer College
30 - Newberry College
9 - Pfeiffer College

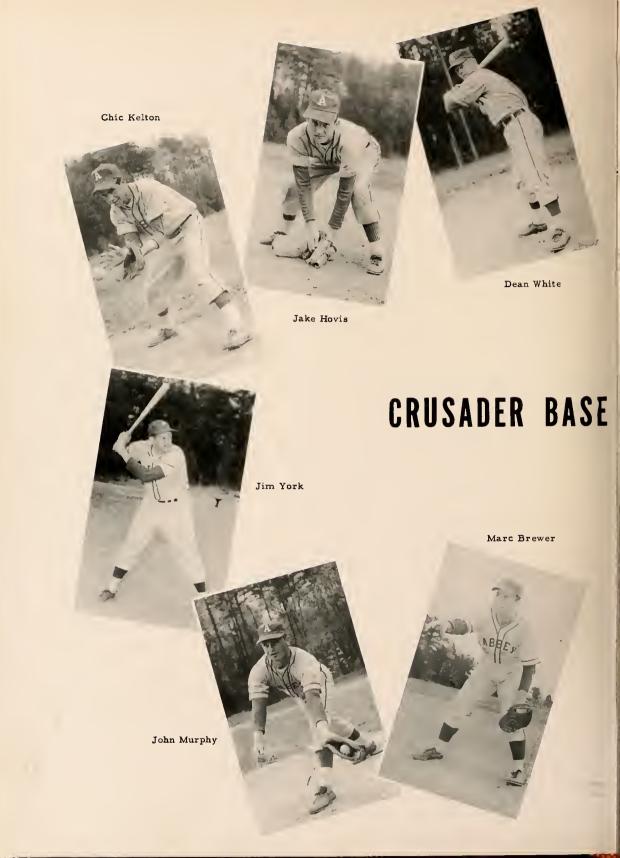
May



Howard A. Wheeler Coach



Seated: Chic Kelton, Dean White, Bob Bambuaer, Joe Camp, Dave Goheen, John Murphy and Marc Brewer. Standing: Dowling (Mgr.), Joe Cowhig, Jake Hovis, Jim York, Dick Wrenn, Dick Bain, and Coach Wheeler.





#### **GOLF TEAM**



L. to R.: Charlie Setzer, John Ciueevich, Charlie Bridges, and Dick Mason.

The Golf Team, newest of all the varsity sports, was just started this year by Mr. Jack Hannahan. For their first year of varsity competition the team has played two matches with Catawba and two with Pfeiffer.





Sergeant Costner with Jim Smith, George Schraudt, and Bob Lazorik.

When the Crusaders started going big time, the Belmont Abbey Rifle Team also began to make the Big Jump. Coached by Sergeant Roy Costner, the Big Five's, Bob Lazorik, Sam Hagley, Jim Fagan, Pete Marchetti, and George Schraudt, most out-standing match this season was when they beat the University of North Carolina.

Bob Lazorik





Jim Smith



Sergeant Costner and Sam Hagley

Pete Marchetti

# Features

THE CHRISTMAS FORMAL
THE FRESHMEN FINAL



#### THE CHRISTMAS FORMAL

Pioneered by the Sophomore Class, this was the first Christmas Formal Dance to be held off campus. The dance was held in the ballroom of the Columbian Country Club to the music of Ray Barrier and his orchestra.



Miss Lynn Morrison

DANCE SPONSORS



Kneeling, L. to R.: Eugene Manion with Miss Helene Maguire. Standing, L. to R.: Miss Sue Wyatt with Billy Harper, Miss Lynn Morrison with President John Hanna, and Miss Janice Bryant with Vernon Wilson.

#### FRESHMAN FINAL

Following the pattern set by the Sophomore Class, the Freshman Class, also, is having their formal dance off campus. The site of the dance is the Terrace Room of the Barringer Hotel in Charlotte, with music furnished by Billy Fowler and his orchestra.













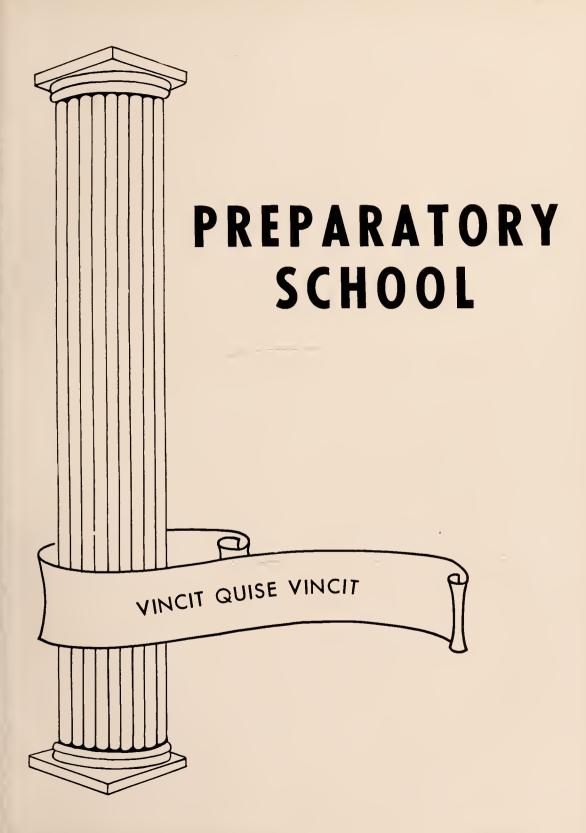






HOW ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP THEM DOWN ON THE







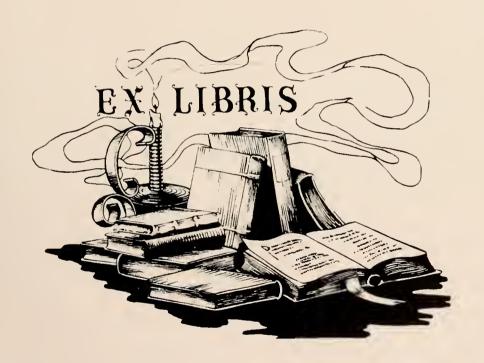




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# The Seniors





L. to R.: Taquechel, Calidonna, Bird, Phil Collins, Crowley.

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JOHN ASSEY
"John"
Georgetown, S. C.

Student Council 3; Class Officer 3-President 3; Basketball 2,3,4; Monogram Club 4; Dean's List 2.





RICHARD BIRD
"Tweet"
Greensboro, N. C.

Student Council 4-Secretary 4; Class Officer 3,4-President 4; Spire Staff 4; Rambler Staff 2,4; Hobby Club 2; Dean's List 2,3,4.



DAVID BOHORFOUSH
"Bo"
Augusta, Ga.

Hobby Club 2; Beta Club 2.

ELZIE BROWN
"Brown"
Belmont, N. C.

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} Veteran's & Club 4; Day Students & Organization 4. \end{tabular}$ 



FRANK CALIDONNA
"Frank"
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Class Officer 1,2,4; Rambler Staff 4; St. John Berchmans' Society 1,2,3,4; Rifle Team 1; Hobby Club 1; Glee Club 1.





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"Pat"
Springfield, Ohio

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"Phil"
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NELSON GREENE
"Nelson"
Gastonia, N. C.

Day Students Organization 4.

FREDERICK HORMAN
"Freddy"
Sumner, Md.

Rambler Staff 4; Basketball 4; Monogram Club 4; Glee Club 4.



CARL KING
"Rocky"
Gastonia, N. C.

Dean's List 3; Day Students Organization 4.





KAREL MARECEK
"Marecek"
Belmont, N. C.

Day Students Organization 4.



THOMAS MORENA
"Tom"
Charlotte, N. C.

Dean's List 3,4; Day Students Organization 3,4.

LUDGER REED
"Reed"
Belmont, N. C.

Veteran's Club 4; Day Students Organization 4.



EARL RHODES
"Earl"
Dallas, N. C.

Veteran's Club 4; Day Students Organization 4.





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"Bunny"
Georgetown, S. C.

Student Council 4-President 4; St. John Berchman's Society 3,4; Intramural Captain 4; Basketball 3,4; Monogram Club 3, 4.



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"Tommy"
Charlotte, N. C.

Rambler Staff 4; Glee Club 4.

NORBERT SCHNEIDER
"Norbert"
Greensboro, N. C.

Student Council 1,2; Class Officer 1,2-President 1,2; Spire Staff 4; St: John Berchman's Society 1,2,3,4; Intramural Captain 4; Basketball 3,4; Rifle Team 1; Hobby Club 1,2; Beta Club 1,2; Monogram Club 4; Glee Club 1.



JOSEPH SHELDON
"Joe"
Fort Knox, Ky.

Rambler Staff 4; Basketball 4; Monogram Club 4.





DARIO TAQUECHEL
"Dario"
Havana, Cuba

Student Council 4; Class Officer 4; St. John Berchman's Society 4; Intramural Captain 3; Hobby Club 2,3.



STACY U'REN
''Newman''
Gastonia, N. C.

Veteran's Club 4; Day Students Organization 4.

RICHARD URWICK
"Dick"
Charlotte, N. C.

Day Students Organization 3, 4.



EDWARD WILSON
"Eddie"
Gastonia, N. C.

Day Students Organization 3,4.





# The Juniors



### JUNIOR CLASS



Kneeling, L. to R.: Sievers, Morlino. Standing, L. to R.: Helfer, Donahue, Shea. OFFICERS

# JUNIOR



Richard Carroll Roslyn, N.Y.



Joe Cassady Charlotte, N.C.



William Donahue Washington, D.C.



Clay Gossett Charlotte, N.C.

# CLASS



Leo Helfer Jr. Gastonia, N.C.



Leonard Kannan Fayetteville, N.C.



Frank Malcolm Charlotte, N.C.



Lee Miller Charleston, S.C.

# JUNIOR



Samuel Molinary St. Paul, Va.



Anthony Morlino Portsmouth, Va.



Paul Porzio Savannah, Ga.



John Rankin Mount Holly, N.C.

# CLASS



Robert Shea Roslyn, N.Y.



Michael Sievers Savannah, Ga.



Robert Stokes Charlotte, N.C.



Frank Stuart Belmont, N.C.

# JUNIOR CLASS



Maurice Walsh III Gastonia, N.C.



John Williams Winchester, Va.

# The Sophomores



### SOPHOMORE



Front Row, L. to R.: McGreevy, Johnson. Back Row, L. to R.: Moeller, McLaurin, Assef.

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Vice President			Bill Moeller
Secretary	 		Edward Johnson
Treasurer	 		Bill McGreevy
Student Council Representative	 		Allan Assef

## CLASS



Allan Assef Cheraw, S.C.



Thomas Baugh, Jr. Gastonia, N.C.



Thomas Baynes Augusta, Ga.



Joseph Burket, II Chapel Hill, N.C.



Jerry Jenkins Kings Mountain, N.C.



Edward Johnson Gastonia, N.C.

### SOPHOMORE



James Keefer Stanley, N.C.



Michael Klausman Rupert, W. Va.



William McGreevy Spartenburg, S. C.



Preston McLaurin Florence, S.C.



Michel Miklaszewski Moncks Corner, S.C.



William Moeller Charlotte, N. C.

## CLASS



Gartland Rex Marblehead, Mass.



Barron Ritchie Matthews, N.C.



Pleas Sawyer Belmont, N.C.



Dan Scism Gastonia, N.C.



William Suggs Belmont, N.C.



Sidney Thompson Lancaster, S. C.

# SOPHOMORE CLASS



Richard Vlaservich Gastonia, N.C.



Michael Walsh Gastonia, N.C.

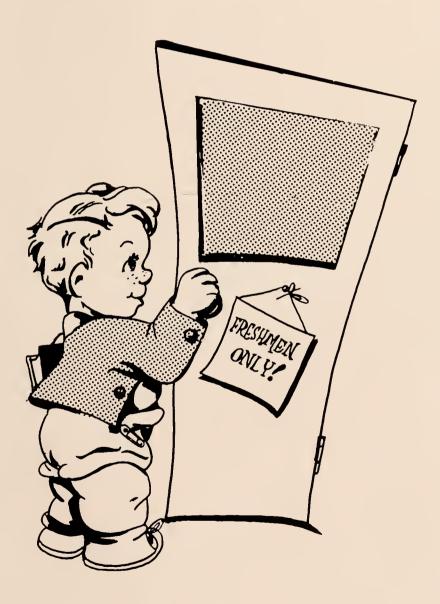


Paul Walsh Gastonia, N.C.



James Zammiello Gastonia, N.C.

# The Freshmen



## **FRESHMEN**



L. to R: Wheeler, Peeler, Sabatini, Frederick, Gallagher.

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William Peeler, Jr. Rock Hill, S.C.



Joseph Sabatini Gastonia, N.C.

David Wheeler Belmont, N.C.



# CLASSES







# Senior



Informals



You said she'd be here



Why do fools fall in love?



Gotta keep in shape

John sees Beethoven





How's life, Bun?



Kilgo's competitor

Back from the weekend, Tom?

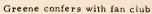


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Florida, here I come



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You, me, and baby makes three.





What happened to your hubcaps, Ed?

# Activities



## STUDENT COUNCIL



### OFFICERS

Left to Right: Secretary, Richard Bird; President, Bunny Ros; Vice President, Bill Donahue.

Seated: Wheeler, Taquechel, Bird, Ros, Donahue, Shea, Sabatini. Standing: Assef, McGreevy, McLaurin.



### RAMBLER STAFF



**OFFICERS** 

Seated: Phil Collins, Editor-in-Chief; Paul Porzio, Assistant Editor; Frank Stuart, Feature Editor.

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Standing: Sheldon, Eckbert, Bird, Horman, Sievers, Calidonna, Baines, Pat Collins, Kannan, Furlong, Williams.



## SPIRE STAFF



BILL FURLONG Editor

Left to Right: Bird, Business Manager; Schneider, Photography; Furlong, Editor; Morlino, Associate Editor.



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Father Edmond Moderator



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### MONOGRAM CLUB



#### **OFFICERS**

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L. to R.: Thompson, McGreevy, Schneider, Assef, McLaurin, Horman, Ros, Seivers, Cassady, Assey.



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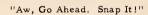


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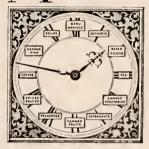
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